

# D. C. Public Charter Schools

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Description	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Approved	FY 2006 Proposed	% Change from FY 2005
Operating Budget	\$163,700,956	\$196,801,659	\$211,425,602	7.4
Resident Dividends	-	-	\$27,200,000	N/A

The mission of the District of Columbia Public Charter Schools (PCS) is to provide an alternative free education for students who reside in the District of Columbia.

The agency plans to fulfill its mission by achieving the following strategic goals:

- Public charter schools will abide by the provisions set forth in their individual charters.
- Individual public charter schools will comply with all reporting requirements set forth by their respective chartering authorities.
- Public charter schools will provide students with exposure to career pathways and focus on particular areas of study to further enhance students' academic experiences.
- Public charter schools will meet all academic performance goals set forth in their individual charter agreements.
- Chartering authorities will monitor and evaluate performance of public charter schools based on the provisions set forth in each school's charter.
- Chartering authorities will monitor the financial management of each charter school to ensure that each school appropriately manages its resources.

## Gross Funds

The proposed budget is \$211,425,602, an increase of \$14,623,943 or 7.4 percent over the FY 2005 approved budget of \$196,801,659. There are no FTEs supported by this funding.

## Resident Dividends

The Mayor proposes additional resident dividends funding in the amount of \$27,200,000 based upon a projected FY 2005 surplus in the budget for PCS and a pro-rated share of resident dividends provided to the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS). resident dividend funding is nonrecurring.

## Programs

Funding supports PCS in achieving its mission to provide academic programs in individual public charter schools, each of which reports to one of two chartering authorities: the District of Columbia Board of Education (BOE) or the Public Charter School Board (PCSB).

## Public Charter Schools

Charter schools are established as independent non-profit organizations with individual Boards of Trustees charged with management oversight. Charter schools are autonomous, nonsectarian institutions that cannot charge tuition to District residents. In addition, no charter school can impose discriminatory admissions policies or tests on District residents. Within authorized limitations, charter schools exercise control over their educational programs, instruction methods, expenditures, administration, personnel, contracts for goods and services, leases, and purchases of school facilities. Some charter schools specialize in particular subject areas to help establish career pathways and further educational opportunities for students. Other charter schools address specific educational needs, including physical, emotional, or learning disabilities, and limited English-language proficiency. There are 54 Public Charter Schools for FY 2006, an increase of 11 over FY 2005. Total projected enrollment for FY 2006 is 18,540 students, an increase of 1,428 over the projected FY 2005 amount of 17,112. *(Note: The FY 2005 amount includes 102 Pre-K incentives enrollment slots, which are not included in FY 2006.)*

## Chartering Authorities

Although charter schools essentially function as independent non-profit organizations, each school is accountable to one of two chartering authorities: the BOE or the PCSB. Primarily, chartering authorities are responsible for approving charters, monitoring charter schools' operations to ensure compliance with applicable laws and terms of their charters, and revoking charters in cases of poor academic performance and/or mismanagement. In addition, chartering authorities provide technical assistance to charter schools to support the schools' efforts to meet the terms of their charters and all applicable laws and regulations.

The BOE, which also governs District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS), oversees 18 public charter schools, including two new charters in FY 2006 (refer to the organizational chart). Of the total FY 2006 projected student enrollment of 5,038, an increase of 82 over FY

2005, existing charters project an enrollment of 4,633 students and newly established schools project an enrollment of 405 students. The FY 2006 projections are comprised of the following grade level enrollments: 444 pre-school/pre-k, 1,932 elementary, 1,291 middle/junior high, 1,192 senior high, 119 special ed schools and 60 adults. Included in these amounts are 791 students receiving special education services, 490 students receiving limited or non English-language services, a summer school enrollment of 2,736 and 54 students receiving residential special education services.

The PCSB oversees 36 charter schools, including nine new charters for FY 2006 (refer to the organizational chart). Of the total FY 2006 projected enrollment of 13,502 students, an increase of 1,448 over FY 2005, existing charters project an enrollment of 12,163 students and newly established schools project an enrollment of 1,339 students. The FY 2006 projections are comprised of the following grade level enrollments: 1,003 pre-school/pre-k, 4,696 elementary, 3,024 middle/junior high, 3,829 senior high, and 950 adults. Included in this amount are 1,389 students receiving special education services, 702 students receiving limited or non English-language services, a summer school enrollment of 5,398 and 344 students receiving residential special education services.

## FY 2006 Proposed Uniform Per Student Funding Formula (UPSFF) Allocation

Funding allocated to PCS represent an estimate based on the projected student enrollment of each public charter school. The budget consists of two components, funding per student based on UPSFF, and a facilities allowance allocated to each school based on enrollment numbers for leasing space, purchasing or building space, performing major repairs/renovations, major equipment purchase or securing loans. Funds are distributed quarterly to each charter school based on the student enrollment information available at the time. The July payment is based on PCS's student projections. The October and January payments are based on PCS's un-audited student head count. The April payment is based on PCS's audited student enrollment.

## Local Funds

The proposed budget is \$211,425,602, an increase of \$14,623,943 or 7.4 percent over the FY 2005 approved budget of \$196,801,659. There are no FTEs supported by Local funds. The public charter schools are independent entities and employees are not considered full-time equivalents (FTEs) by District personnel entities.

### UPSFF Calculation

The FY 2006 proposed UPSFF amount is \$180,124,530, an increase \$25,936,357 over the FY 2005 approved amount of \$154,188,173. The UPSFF is calculated pursuant to the UPSFF Act, which mandates that operating budgets for individual public charter schools be derived from a per student calculation. The FY 2006 UPSFF calculation provides a \$7,115.54 minimum or "foundation" amount of funding per student, which includes an inflationary increase of \$211.94 or 3.07 percent over the FY 2005 foundation level of \$6,903.60.

In addition to the foundation level of funding, add-on weights are applied to account for individual student characteristics including: grade level, special education, language minority education, participation in summer school, and enrollment in a residential versus day program. Although public charter schools and D.C. Public Schools are funded through a uniform formula, the public charter schools' calculation is based on projected enrollment whereas the D.C. Public Schools' budget is based on prior year audited enrollment.

### Facilities Allowance

In FY 2006, the facilities allowance is \$53,326,065, an increase of \$11,462,579 over FY 2005 amount of \$41,863,486, which provides for 18,142 non-residential students and 398 residential students. The facilities allowance is determined based upon a formula which includes non-residential and residential per student allotments and projected enrollment. The non-residential facilities allotment is determined using the average of the previous five years of DCPS Capital budgets divided by DCPS enrollment during the same time period. The residential facilities allotment is determined by multi-

plying the non-residential allotment by a factor of 2.7. The FY 2006 proposed facilities allotment is \$2,775 per non-residential student, and \$7,492.50 per residential student, an increase of \$395 and \$1,066.50, respectively, over the FY 2005 amounts. The facilities allowance is determined by multiplying the allotments by the projected enrollment.

In addition, the Mayor proposes additional local funding in the amount of \$27,200,000 for Resident Dividends initiatives. For more information on the PCS' Resident Dividends initiatives, please refer to the end of this chapter.

## Federal Funds

The agency receives its federal funding through the DCPS. DCPS, serving as the District's state education agency for the District of Columbia, distributes federal dollars to individual charter schools based on the type of grant, the charter schools' need and their enrollment.

## Private Funds

Individual charter schools receive Private funds from a variety of sources, however private funds are managed exclusively by each charter school.

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## Funding by Source

Table GC0-1 shows the sources of funding for the District of Columbia Public Charter Schools.

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Table GC0-1

### FY 2006 Proposed Operating Budget, by Revenue Type

(dollars in thousands)

Appropriated Fund	Actual FY 2003	Actual FY 2004	Approved FY 2005	Proposed FY 2006	Change from FY 2005	Percent Change
Local Fund	114,283	161,969	196,802	211,426	14,624	7.4
<b>Total for General Fund</b>	<b>114,283</b>	<b>161,969</b>	<b>196,802</b>	<b>211,426</b>	<b>14,624</b>	<b>7.4</b>
Federal Payments	3,974	1,988	0	0	0	0.0
<b>Total for Federal Resources</b>	<b>3,974</b>	<b>1,988</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Gross Funds</b>	<b>118,257</b>	<b>163,957</b>	<b>196,802</b>	<b>211,426</b>	<b>14,624</b>	<b>7.4</b>

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## Expenditure by Comptroller Source Group

Table GC0-2 shows the FY 2006 proposed budget for the agency at the Comptroller Source Group level (Object class level).

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Table GC0-2

### FY 2006 Proposed Operating Budget, by Comptroller Source Group

(dollars in thousands)

	Actual FY 2003	Actual FY 2004	Approved FY 2005	Proposed FY 2006	Change from FY 2005	Percent Change
50 Subsidies and Transfers	118,257	163,957	196,802	211,426	14,624	7.4
<b>Subtotal Nonpersonal Services (NPS)</b>	<b>118,257</b>	<b>163,957</b>	<b>196,802</b>	<b>211,426</b>	<b>14,624</b>	<b>7.4</b>
<b>Total Proposed Operating Budget</b>	<b>118,257</b>	<b>163,957</b>	<b>196,802</b>	<b>211,426</b>	<b>14,624</b>	<b>7.4</b>

Table GC0-6

**FY 2006 Proposed Budget and FTE's for Resident Dividends by Program**  
 (dollars in thousands)

Program	Proposed FY 2006 Local Funds	Proposed FY 2006 FTEs
1000 DC Charter Schools	\$27,200	0
<b>Total for Resident Dividends</b>	<b>\$27,200</b>	<b>0</b>

Table GC0-7

**FY 2006 Proposed Budget for Resident Dividends by Comptroller Source**  
 (dollars in thousands)

Comptroller Source Group	Proposed FY 2006 Local
0050 Subsidies And Transfers	\$27,200
<b>Subtotal Nonpersonal Services (NPS)</b>	<b>\$27,200</b>
<b>Total for Resident Dividends</b>	<b>\$27,200</b>

## Resident Dividends

The Mayor's proposed budget includes additional Local funds in the amount of \$27,200,000 based upon the following:

- \$23,000,000 due to a FY 2005 surplus in the budget for PCS which will be carried over into FY 2006
- \$4,200,000 based upon a pro-rated share of Resident Dividends provided to DCPS in FY 2006.

**District of Columbia Public Charter Schools (GC0)**  
**Per Pupil Funding Analysis (D.C. Act 12-494)**  
**FY 2006 Budget**

Foundation level per pupil	\$ 7,115.54
Non-Residential Facilities Allotment:	\$ 2,775.00
Residential Facilities Allotment:	\$ 7,492.50

<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Weighting</u>	<u>DCPCSB Total Enrollment</u>	<u>BOEB Total Enrollment</u>	<u>Total Enrollment</u>	<u>Per Pupil Allocation</u>	<u>Total Dollars</u>
Pre-School	1.17	242	192	434	\$ 8,325	\$ 3,613,128
Pre-Kindergarten (Pre-K)	1.17	761	252	1013	\$ 8,325	\$ 8,433,407
Kindergarten	1.03	898	358	1256	\$ 7,329	\$ 9,205,237
Grades 1-3	1.03	2242	902	3144	\$ 7,329	\$ 23,042,407
Grades 4-5	1.00	1556	542	2098	\$ 7,116	\$ 14,928,403
Ungraded ES	1.03	0	130	130	\$ 7,329	\$ 952,771
Grades 6 -8	1.03	3024	1291	4315	\$ 7,329	\$ 31,624,678
Ungraded MS/ JHS	1.03	0	0	0	\$ 7,329	\$ -
Grades 9 -12	1.17	3774	1192	4966	\$ 8,325	\$ 41,342,844
Ungraded SHS	1.17	55	0	55	\$ 8,325	\$ 457,885
Alternative	1.30	0	0	0	\$ 9,250	\$ -
Special Ed Schools	1.17	0	119	119	\$ 8,325	\$ 990,696
Adult	0.75	950	60	1010	\$ 5,337	\$ 5,390,027
<b>Subtotal General Education</b>		<b>13502</b>	<b>5038</b>	<b>18540</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>139,981,484</b>

<b>Special Education</b>						
Level 1	0.55	429	176	605	\$ 3,914	\$ 2,367,698
Level 2	0.85	541	218	759	\$ 6,048	\$ 4,590,591
Level 3	1.50	335	225	560	\$ 10,673	\$ 5,977,054
Level 4	2.70	84	172	256	\$ 19,212	\$ 4,918,262
<b>Subtotal for Special Ed</b>		<b>1389</b>	<b>791</b>	<b>2180</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>17,853,605</b>

<b>English as a Second Language</b>						
LEP/NEP	0.40	702	490	1192	\$ 2,846	\$ 3,392,694

<b>Special Education-Residential</b>						
Level 1 Residential	0.374	3	0	3	\$ 2,661	\$ 7,984
Level 2 Residential	1.360	19	0	19	\$ 9,677	\$ 183,866
Level 3 Residential	2.941	21	0	21	\$ 20,927	\$ 439,463
Level 4 Residential	2.924	0	0	0	\$ 20,806	\$ -
Level 5 Residential	9.40	0	54	54	\$ 66,886	\$ 3,611,848
<b>Subtotal for Special Ed Residential</b>		<b>43</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,243,160</b>

<b>English as a Second Language Residential</b>						
LEP/NEP Residential	0.68	0	0	0	\$ 4,839	\$ -

<b>Residential</b>						
Residential	1.70	344	54	398	\$ 12,096	\$ 4,814,375

Summer School	0.17	5398	2736	8134	\$ 1,210	\$ 9,839,212
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**FY 2006 Instructional Dollars \$ 180,124,530**

<b>Facilities Allowance</b>						
Non-Residential Facilities Allotment		13158	4984	18142	\$ 2,775	\$ 50,344,050
Residential Facilities Allotment		344	54	398	\$ 7,493	\$ 2,982,015

**FY 2006 Facilities Allowance \$ 53,326,065**  
**Public Charter School Board \$ 975,000**

**FY 2006 Budget \$ 234,425,602**  
**Additional Resident Dividends \$ 4,200,000**  
**Total FY 2006 Budget \$ 238,625,602**

Note: The FY 2006 Budget includes \$23 million included as Resident Dividends. The budget is actually \$211,425,602.

## District of Columbia Public Charter Schools

District of Columbia Board of Education		Public Charter School Board		
Barbara Jordan	Booker T. Washington	ABC (new)	ALTA (new)	Appletree (new)
Children's Studio	City Lights (new)	Auto Arts	Bridges Academy (new)	Capital City
Community Academy	E.W. Stokes	Cesar Chavez	DC Bilingual	DC Preparatory
Hyde Leadership	IDEA	Early Childhood (new)	E.L. Haynes	Friendship Edison
Ideal Academy	Jos Arz	Howard Road Academy	Howard U. Middle (new)	Kipp/Key Academy
Kamit	Latin America	Marriott Hospitality	Maya Angelou	Meridian
Mary Mcleod Bethune	Next Step	Paul Junior High	Potomac Lighthouse (new)	SAIL
Options	Roots	SEED	Southeast Academy	Thurgood Marshall
Washington Academy (new)	Young America Works	Tri-Community	Two Rivers	William Doar
				Arts and Technology
				Carlos Rosario
				Eagle Academy
				Hope Adacemy
				LAYC (new)
				New School
				Sasha Bruce
				Tree of Life
				WMST

